

Hixburg

Hixburg, April 9. Rev. Howard Macrae filled his regular appointment at Hixburg Church Sunday. The Sunday School opened, after having been closed for 3 months. There was fine attendance and a good sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ford are spending the weekend at J. R. Marshall's.

Dickie Fore spent his spring vacation with his friend, Norman West, in Hagerstown, Md. He spent this weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fore.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fore spent the fifth Sunday in March with their kin people in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sears, of Charlotte, C. H. visited Mr. and

E. P. Sears Saturday night. The home demonstration club met with Mrs. H. M. Marshall last Friday afternoon. Mrs. B. G. Anderson brought Mrs. McBride, of V. P. I., who was the speaker. Her subject was, "Care of shrubs, bulbs, etc."

Roy Gilliam, of Chico, Calif., spent a week visiting his kin in the Hixburg neighborhood and in Lynchburg. He went to Washington last night and will take a plane this A. M. for a non-stop trip to California.

William E. Carson, of Appomattox, Route 2, has gotten his discharge from the U. S. Navy and is now at home.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall, Morton Marshall, Jr., Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, Mrs. J. R. Marshall, M. C. C. B. Carson and Kenneth Marshall spent last Thursday in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sears, of Charlotte, C. H. visited Mr. and

Colored Dots

The month's festival will come to a close at the First Baptist Church Friday night, April 26, at 8:30 P. M. The following persons represent the 12 months: Miss E. H. White, Miss L. M. Fisher, Miss Virginia Dillard, and Miss Marie Hanley, and Mesdames Ella Brown, Judy Coleman, Ester Ferguson, Almeta Jordan, Eugenia Pankey, Eunice Johnson, T. W. Hamlet, and Mr. J. A. Hamlet. A silver offering will be taken at the door. Mrs. T. W. Hamlet is sponsor of the program. The public is invited.

An overflow crowd attended the public ordination services of the Rev. R. Q. Lawing at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday at 4 P. M. The council was composed of the following churches: First Baptist, Zion Baptist, Mount Zion, Calvary, Mount Zion, Mount Airy and Promise Land Baptist Churches. The following program was rendered by the council: Devotionals by Rev. N. R. Jordan, catechism, Rev. S. E. Singleton, ordination sermon, Rev. J. A. Carter; charge to the minister, Rev. R. H. Winston; charge to the church, Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Petersburg, Va.; presentation of the Bible, Rev. A. J. Sherrill; right hand of fellowship, Revs. G. L. Taylor and H. H. Colwell. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Jessie Morgan of Petersburg, Va. Benediction by Rev. R. Q. Lawing.

The young men's business club met at the home of Professor E. T. Johnson last Friday evening.

The Modernistic Club was entertained at the home of Miss Hester B. Stephens last Friday evening.

The ninth of April celebration was held at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church last Tuesday.

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Calculator Is Fast As Light

Robot Electronic Machine Solves Hard Problems Like Lightning.

PHILADELPHIA.—"The world's fastest calculating machine" has been unveiled by the war department. It is said that the robot possibly has opened the mathematical way to better living for every man.

Better communication and transportation, improved industrial products, superior weather forecasting and general advances in science and engineering may be made possible, the army said, from the development of "the first all-electronic general purpose computer."

The army described the machine as 1,000 times faster than the most advanced calculating machine previously built and declared the apparatus makes it possible "to solve in hours problems which would take years on any other mathematical machine."

The machine, which can add, subtract, multiply, divide and compute square roots and do most complex calculations based on those operations is called the "Eniac"—short for "electronic numerical integrator and computer." It also has been nicknamed the "mechanical Einstein."

Designed for Army. It was dedicated at the University of Pennsylvania, where it was designed and constructed for the army ordnance department at the university's Moore school of electrical engineering.

Maj. Gen. G. M. Barnes, chief of the ordnance department's research and development service, told reporters prior to the dedication that the new machine would be removed to the army's proving ground at Aberdeen, Md., "to be used in the development of ballistics (the mathematics of weapons) for the safety of this country."

But the army also announced that similar machines could be constructed for the use of industry and science generally as a new mathematical tool in the design of products or the analysis of complex scientific data.

As an example of Eniac's speed, the army said the machine can take a five-digit number, like 83,895, and add it to itself 5,000 times—in one second. If you did such an addition with pencil and paper you'd fill space equivalent to two full pages of a newspaper.

Eniac weighs 30 tons, occupies a room 30 by 50 feet, has 18,000 vacuum tubes and looks like a giant switchboard in a telephone company office, even to tiny lights that flash on and off when a complex brain-teaser is getting the works.

Uses Electronics. The machine cost \$40,000—including all research and development work—but the army says "future machines of this type can be produced much more cheaply."

Eniac does its figuring through the use of modern electronic—actually counting on "electric fingers"—it employs, basically, the principle of a primitive computing machine known since ancient times.

In effect, Eniac is an electronic big-brother of the "Abacus," an apparatus which utilizes headless counters strung on parallel rods or wires as a means of counting, still in use in the Orient.

Eniac begins computing when punched cards, containing holes corresponding to arithmetical numbers, are fed into the machine.

Inside the machine are thousands of tiny neon light bulbs—arranged in rows of 10, and as the problem being worked, these lights flash on and off in the proper combinations. Answers come out on other punched cards.

Baby Is Blinded When Boys Set Carriage Afire. NEW YORK.—A five-month-old baby boy, left asleep in his carriage on the sidewalk, was burned critically and permanently blinded, police said, when two small boys set fire to the vehicle. The baby's father, Clyde L. Chadwick, is an employee of the city fire department and resides in the Bronx.

The carriage flames were first seen by Harry Ripka, laundry truck driver. He and Mrs. Josephine Dougherty, resident of an apartment building in which the baby's mother was visiting, lifted the baby out of the carriage and beat out the flames. The baby's mother was attracted to the street shortly afterwards by screams.

A detective said he found two six-year-old boys who admitted setting fire to the vehicle while playing with matches on their way home from school.

Britain Plans 3-Bedroom Flats to Cost \$2 a Week. LONDON.—Health Minister Aneurin Bevan announced new housing subsidies designed so local authorities can provide unfurnished three-bedroom apartments for an average rental of 10 shillings (\$2) a week.

The annual cost of the subsidies for each 100,000 apartments was estimated at \$10,000,000. Of this amount, \$8,200,000 would be provided by the government.

Army's 'Old Gray Mare'

Turned Out to Pasture. SAN FRANCISCO.—Belle, the plump "old gray mare" who lured more than 2,000 mules from boxcars to corrals during the war, was turned out to pasture recently with a "well done" from port of embarkation officials.

Col. George J. Rife, chief of the port animal depot, said Belle gave her bit for victory, but added that he wasn't quite sure whether it was Belle, herself, or the bell he hung on Belle that really turned the trick.

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From where I sit... by Joe Mars

Professor Zogi, The Magician Marvelous

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"Just goes to show," says astonished, "that it takes a magician to satisfy all tastes."

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Ten Zeb Collins asks for elder, and out of the same pitcher comes a new of elder. Die Hollister next calls for beer—and presto, from

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Liberty Chapel

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